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SUBJECT: VISIT BY MONSANTO CORP. EXECUTIVE TO INVESTIGATE PATENT SYSTEM

1. MR. EDWARD KLEIN, DIRECTOR OF LICENSING OF MONSANTO CORP., LARGE MULTINATIONAL CHEMICAL, PLASTIC AND FIBER FIRM, PLANNIWG TO VISIT BRAZIL WEEK OF JAN. 17-21 TO INVESTIGATE IMPLEMENTATION OF BRAZILIAN PATENT LAW. MONSANTO IS CON-

SIDERING INCREASING ITS PRESENT CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN BRAZIL AND ITS TECHNICAL/SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITY BUT IS CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE PROBLEMS IN OBTAINING PATENT PROTECTION. KLEIN WILL BE IN RIO EARLY IN WEEK AND SUBSEQUENTLY IN SAO PAULO.

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2. ACCORDING TO KLEIN, BRAZILIAN PATENT LAW PER SE IS REASONABLE BUT IMPLEMENTATION CAUSES PROBLEMS. PROBLEM REPORTEDLY IS PARTIALLY DUE TO MALADMINISTRATION OF

BRAZILIAN PATENT OFFICE, ESPECIALLY THE HIGH TURNOVER OF KEY TECHNICAL PERSONNEL, BUT THERE IS ALSO A QUESTION OF GOB INTENTIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, KLEIN STATED THAT NO PATENTS

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IN CHEMICAL FIELD HAVE BEEN ISSUED IN LAST 3-4 YEARS,
WHEREAS PATENTS IN MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL FIELDS HAVE

CONTINUED TO BE ISSUED. IT IS NOT CLEAR IF THIS CUTBACK
IN CHEMICAL PATENTS IS INTENTIONAL OR NOT.

3. KLEIN PLANS TO MEET WITH LOCAL ATTORNEYS AND RESIDENT
U.S. BUSINESSMEN TO TRY TO ASCERTAIN TRUE REASONS FOR
PROBLEMS IN CHEMICAL PATENT FIELD. HE DOES NOT INTEND TO
MEET ANY BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON THIS TRIP.
HIS SCHEDULE IS BEING ARRANGED BY LOCAL MONSANTO OFFICES
IN SAO PAULO AND RIO.

4. KLEIN WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH CONSULATE OFFICERS FOR
MUTUAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. HE IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED
IN BROAD POLITICAL BACKGROUND AND ANY ASSESSMENT OF GOB
INTENTIONS IN AREA OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. KLEIN HAS
BEEN GIVEN NAMES OF JACK SMITH IN SAO PAULO AND GORDON
JONES IN RIO. HE OR MONSANTO LOCAL OFFICES WILL PROBABLY
BE IN TOUCH IN NEXT FEW DAYS TO SET UP MUTUALLY CONVEN-
IENT APPOINTMENT.
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